

# Worsley Central School: Cell Phone Policy

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**Purpose:** At Worsley Central school, we recognize that cell phones have become a big part of people's lives and they make student/parent communication much easier. In recent years, we have noticed that these devices have become a huge distraction in class, pose safety/privacy concerns within change rooms and bathrooms, and also create confrontation between students and staff. In addition, due to the transition to one-to-one Chromebook technology, there are negligible educational reasons why a student would need to use a cell phone during instructional time. We want to establish a school climate that facilitates authentic learning and connection.

To support this goal, we have decided to revise our cell phone policy.

## **Cell Phone Policy**

1. Cell phones must be on silent (not vibrate) upon entering the building and remain on silent throughout the remainder of the school day.
2. **Cell phones will be kept in students' lockers from the first bell until the last bell, with the exception of lunch hour or scheduled breaks-** *the only other exception, students with a diagnosed medical condition or an identified inclusive educational need.*
3. Cell phones may be used appropriately during the lunch period and must be returned to students' lockers at the end of the lunch period.
4. Cell phones may NOT be brought into the washrooms or locker rooms AT ANY TIME.
5. Cell phone cameras and audio recorders may only be used for educational purposes and with prior permission of the teacher or administrator.

**Students will be solely responsible for the security of their own devices.** Worsley Central School will not be liable for any damage, theft, or loss of personally owned devices.

Failure to comply with this policy will result in the following corrective measures:

**1st Offense:** Phone taken for the day.

**2nd Offense:** Phone taken for the day. Parent/guardian will be notified.

**3rd Offense:** Phone taken for the day. Parent/guardian will be notified, and must come into the school to pick up the cell phone.

**4th Offense:** Phone turned into the office at the beginning of each day and returned at the end of each day for a time period determined by administration.

**Further Offenses:** To be determined.

**Please note that in case of an emergency, we have a  
landline:780-685-3842 that is answered during school hours.**

It is strongly recommended that students leave their phones or other devices at home but if they do come to school, they should be stored in a locked locker as Worsley Central School will not be responsible for lost, stolen or damaged personally owned devices.

This school policy is supported by Peace River School Division's administrative procedures including but not limited to [AP350: Student Conduct](#); [AP355 Student Discipline](#); [AP 140: Responsible Network Use](#); [AP 145: Personally Owned Devices](#).